

Remarks

Receipt is acknowledged of the final Office Action mailed February 7, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendment, and the remarks which follow. No new matter is added with the amendments, which are fully supported by the specification.

Claims 3, 7, and 8 have been amended. Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 3-9 are pending in the application.

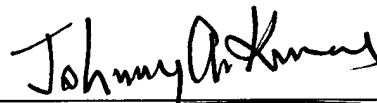
Claim 3, previously objected to by the examiner as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of now-cancelled claim 1. Claims 4-9 all depend upon independent claim 3 and are allowable for the same reasons as claim 3.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicant respectfully requests that all objections and rejections be withdrawn and that a notice of allowance be forthcoming. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for applicant at 202-912-2160 for any reason related to the advancement of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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